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SUBJ: PREVENTION OF MEASLES IMPORTATION

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING SENT OUT ON BEHALF OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

REF/A/DOC/ AR 40-562 IMMUNIZATIONS AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS REF/B/CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS; [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV](http://www.cdc.gov) REF/C/[PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION NEWS RELEASE](http://www.paho.org); [HTTP://WWW.PAHO.ORG](http://www.paho.org)

1. GERMANY IS EXPERIENCING A MEASLES OUTBREAK, WITH OVER 1100 CASES SINCE JANUARY 2006.
2. THE 2006 WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCHES WILL BE HELD IN GERMANY 9-23 JUNE. SIX TEAMS FROM THE AMERICAS WILL PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING A U.S. TEAM.
3. TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF MEASLES IMPORTATION TO THE AMERICAS, THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL PERSONS ATTENDING BE FULLY IMMUNIZED AGAINST MEASLES.
4. TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF MEASLES INTO THE U.S., ALL SOLDIERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TRAVELING TO OR THROUGH GERMANY SHOULD BE FULLY IMMUNIZED AGAINST MEASLES. THOSE WITH EXEMPTIONS TO MEASLES IMMUNIZATION SHOULD BE ADVISED TO AVOID TRAVEL TO THE AREA.
5. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT ADULT TRAVELERS HAVE TWO DOSES OF LIVE MEASLES VIRUS VACCINE, LABORATORY PROOF OF IMMUNITY, DOCUMENTATION OF PHYSICIAN DIAGNOSED MEASLES, OR BEEN BORN BEFORE 1957. FOR CHILDREN, THE FIRST DOSE SHOULD BE GIVEN ON OR AFTER THE FIRST BIRTHDAY, AND THE SECOND DOSE NO EARLIER THAN ONE MONTH AFTER THE FIRST. INFANTS 6-11 MONTHS SHOULD RECEIVE ONE DOSE OF MONOVALENT MEASLES VACCINE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. IF MONOVALENT MEASLES VACCINE IS NOT AVAILABLE, MEASLES MUMPS AND RUBELLA VACCINE MAY BE USED.
6. HQDA POC: COL JARED E. FLORANCE 703-681-2780, DSN 761-2780, OR EMAIL: JARED.FLORANCE@US.ARMY.MIL.
7. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED

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